



SHARPE JAMES

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I have requested a full investigation to determine why, by whom, and all the specifics of this unfortunate tragedy. The time is for calm and common sense until the investigation has been completed.

It is time for all responsible leaders to warn our youth of the severe consequences of auto theft.

It is time for the judicial branch of government to rethink auto theft as a misdemeanor.

It is time for the automobile industry to manufacture a car with an anti-theft device that cannot be stolen by a ten year old in less than one minute. If we can fly to the moon, walk in space and win the war in the Persian Gulf with smart missiles, why not smart cars?

Mayor James had agreed at the request of Rev. Al Sharpton to meet with himself and the immediate families only.

The Mayor will make no further statement until the investigation is completed.